

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	March 14, 2005
Prepared By	Brett Linkletter City Arborist
Approved By	Barbara Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Designating Arbor Day 2005
Background	Every April, the City of Takoma Park has an Arbor Day celebration. This year the celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Traditionally, the Council adopts a resolution to show support for the Arbor Day event.
Fiscal Impact	Covered in operating budget (approximately \$650).
Attachments	Proposed Resolution Designating Arbor Day 2005
Recommendation	Staff recommends that Council adopt the proposed resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

**RESOLUTION #2005-
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ARBOR DAY 2005 IN TAKOMA PARK**

WHEREAS, the environment is important to the residents of Takoma Park; **AND**

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of the character of Takoma Park and provide many benefits to citizens, such as improving air quality, reducing the need for air conditioning, serving as windbreaks, stabilizing soils, providing watershed protection, and providing wildlife cover and food; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Urban Forest Division of the City's Department of Public Works, and citizen groups such as the Takoma Park Tree Commission and the Takoma Park Committee on the Environment, have organized an Arbor Day celebration; **AND**

WHEREAS, cities play a vital role in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees and other environmentally sound practices; **AND**

WHEREAS, this event is designed for the local community to participate in Arbor Day activities; **AND**

WHEREAS, Arbor Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at the Takoma Park Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; **AND**

WHEREAS, the activities will include the distribution of free tree seedlings and a free raffle of larger trees; **AND**

WHEREAS, the City Arborist, the Tree Commission, the Committee on the Environment, the Takoma Park Horticulture Club, the Montgomery County Master Gardeners Program, the Montgomery County Forest Conservancy District Board, Friends of Sligo Creek, and PEPCO will be on hand to answer questions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, in honor of Arbor Day 2005, supports the local environmental celebration of Arbor Day in Takoma Park on Saturday, April 9, 2005 and encourages citizens to participate.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2005.

ATTEST:

Catherine E. Waters, CMC
City Clerk